

# Nurses - 1917

## DR. DANIEL WILLIAMS ADDRESSES NATIONAL NURSES' ASSOCIATION

Louisville, Ky., Aug. 30.—The tenth annual convention of the Graduate Nurses' association met here last week with Dr. Daniel Hale Williams as the guest of the association. The noted surgeon from Chicago urged that the nurses take the opportunity offered by the United States government calling for efficient nurses. He declared that we have registered 4,500 trained nurses and that there are at least forty-five first class hospitals owned and operated by our people. Mrs. Lavinia Sneed delivered a very impressive address. A program and reception was tendered Dr. Williams at the Chestnut Street Y. M. C. A. Dr. J. E. Hunter, Lexington, Ky., spoke on the things that prevent disease. Dr. A. W. Bolling (white) delivered an address on smallpox and vaccination. The delegates were given a complimentary reception at Pythian hall. Mrs. A. B. Thomas, superintendent of nurses at Lincoln hospital, New York city, presided. Miss Mary Merritt, recording secretary, read a paper on the history of the association. The convention is to be held at St. Louis next year.

## COLORED NURSES HOLD ANNUAL MEET SEPTEMBER 1, 1917 Association Closes Successful Session at Louisville Last Week.

[Special to The Ledger.]  
LOUISVILLE, Ky., Aug. 30.—annual session of the National Nurse Association closed a very successful session here last week. Dan Williams, of Chicago, and Dr. E. Hunter, of Lexington, Ky., were principal speakers. In spite of hot times, the association was well represented by some of the best known nurses of the country. During the session of the nurses of this city they were treated in genuine Kentucky style. The local Association of Physicians and Surgeons entertained them with an automobile tour of the city. The sessions were well attended by the citizens. Mrs. Lavinia Sneed, well known throughout the country, delivered a soul-stirring speech that will ever be remembered by all those who heard her. The next session of the association will be held at Atlantic City.

Chicago Defender  
National Registry for Nurses  
New York, Oct. 26.—Mrs. Adah Belle Thoms, R. N., graduate of the Lincoln hospital in this city, who has

been superintendent of nurses for the past three years, during which time she has several times been acting superintendent, a position which she has efficiently filled for the past nine months, has opened a National Registry for Nurses of the Race and at present over a hundred nurses are enrolled. Nurses from various institutions can register now where heretofore only the whites had such a place. Mrs. Thoms is to be commended. She takes personal interest in all young women under her care. For three successive years Mrs. Thoms has been elected president of the National Association of Colored Graduate Nurses.



Miss Thoms

## TO CHOOSE COLORED NURSES FOR WAR SERVICE Dallas Express

Colored registered nurses throughout the country are in receipt of information from the Red Cross headquarters at Washington that a Government Base Hospital will be established at Des Moines, Iowa, in connection with the training camp for Colored troops. About 150 nurses will be selected for service.

## COLORED NURSES MEET LOUISVILLE KY HERALD AUGUST 24, 1917

The tenth annual session of the National Association of Colored Graduate Nurses will close today. A number of delegates have been present during the week. Dr. Dan Williams, of Chicago, was the principal speaker Tuesday and Dr. J. E. Hunter, of Lexington, delivered an address Wednesday. Dr. W. A. Bolling, of this city, gave an illustrated lecture on "Smallpox and Vaccination." Adah B. Thoms, of New York City, is president of the association and May Merritte, of this city, is recording secretary. It was announced by Dr. Williams that there are 4,500 negro nurses in the United States. The delegation will be entertained today by the Falls City Medical Association, which will show them the city.